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Government taking strong action against disinformation and rumour-spreading campaign

06 February 2023 Ulf Kristersson, Prime Minister Camilla Waltersson Grönvall, Minister for Social Services Gunnar Strömmer, Minister for Justice Photo: Ninni Andersson/Government Offices

Since December 2021, disinformation has been spread concerning Swedish social services taking Muslim children into care without a legal basis. According to the Swedish Psychological Defence Agency, there are no indications that the campaign will cease in the near future. Social services employees are being threatened and, in the worst case scenario, this risks leading to children in Sweden not receiving the social support to which they are entitled. The

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[New national strategy to strengthen crime prevention efforts](#)

To combat crime and increase security, investments in the judicial system and criminal law measures must be combined with effective and proactive crime prevention efforts. The Government has therefore presented a national strategy that focuses on social crime prevention measures. The aim includes preventing children and young people from becoming involved in criminal networks and other types of crime.

Published 21 March 2024 · [Press release](#) from [Camilla Waltersson Grönvall](#), [Gunnar Strömmer](#), [Jakob Forssmed](#), [Lotta Edholm](#), [Ministry of Education and Research](#), [Ministry of Health and Social Affairs](#), [Ministry of Justice](#)

[Proposal for a national reporting and follow-up system for abducted children and adults](#)

The Swedish Gender Equality Agency has been tasked with sharing knowledge about honour-based violence and oppression in connection with stays abroad. The Government has now also tasked the Agency with analyzing and presenting proposals for a national reporting and follow-up system for cases where a child or adult has been taken abroad. This involves determining the scope of the problem and establishing an approach to systematic follow-up.

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Brochure in pdf format that presents the Department of Social Affairs' areas of responsibility, organization and management.

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[Sweden's work to ensure children's and young people's safe and secure upbringing](#)

Every child and young person has the right to a safe, secure and bright future, to be properly cared for and to grow up in a home free from violence.

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[Focus on children at high-level meeting on protecting and supporting children in Ukraine](#)

Support to Ukraine is the most important priority during the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU. On 1–2 June, the Swedish Presidency held a high-level meeting on protecting children to highlight how Ukrainian children have been affected by Russia's aggression, and to discuss what EU Member States can do to respond to their needs. A very large number of Member States signed a declaration at the meeting.

Published 02 June 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Camilla Waltersson Grönvall](#), [Ulf Kristersson](#), [Ministry of Health and Social Affairs](#), [Prime Minister's Office](#)

[Protecting and helping children a new step in Sweden's support to Ukraine](#)

Over seven million people in Ukraine have been forced to leave their homes and seek temporary protection from Russia's aggression, both within Ukraine and in other European countries. The overwhelming majority are women and children. Children are often among the most vulnerable in war and conflict. Sweden and Ukraine have now entered into a cooperation agreement to continue supporting and protecting children.

Published 01 June 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Camilla Waltersson Grönvall](#), [Ministry of Health and Social Affairs](#)

[Minister for Social Services Camilla Waltersson Grönvall visits Ukraine](#)

On Thursday 20 April, Minister for Social Services Camilla Waltersson Grönvall visited the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, where she met President Zelenskyy's wife, Olena Zelenska, and representatives of the Ukrainian Government. At the meeting, they discussed how children have been affected by Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

Published 05 May 2023 · [Article](#) from [Camilla Waltersson Grönvall](#), [Ministry of Health and Social Affairs](#)

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[Information about the Swedish social services in Arabic](#)

Disinformation is being spread online and on social media about how Swedish social services work to ensure the wellbeing of children. This article aims to give an overview of how the Swedish social services work. The text is in Arabic.

Published 05 December 2022 · [Article](#) from [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [Ministry of Health and Social Affairs](#)

[Statement – disinformation about Swedish social services on social media](#)

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[Lena Hallengren decides to step down](#)

On the 6 October, Minister for Health and Social Affairs Lena Hallengren decided to step down from her post. She will leave the Government and take up her seat in the Riksdag. Ms Hallengren will be the new Group Leader of the Social Democratic Party in the Riksdag.

Published 07 October 2022 · [Press release](#) from [Ministry of Health and Social Affairs](#)

[Disinformation campaign against Swedish public authorities regarding social services](#)

A misleading campaign currently being conducted against Sweden on social media and other platforms falsely claims that Muslim children and families are systematically being subjected to abuse by Swedish public authorities.

Published 17 February 2022 · [Article](#) from [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [Ministry of Health and Social Affairs](#)

[Swedish experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a huge impact on the whole world and represents a global challenge the likes of which we have not seen for decades. All affected countries are now trying to solve the crisis with as few negative consequences as possible for people's lives and health.

Published 03 July 2020 · [Article](#) from [Ministry of Health and Social Affairs](#)

[Innovation partnership programmes – mobilising new ways to meet societal challenges](#)

The Government is launching five innovation partnership programmes to help meet a range of the societal challenges that Sweden is facing. These programmes involve new ways of travelling, residing, doing business, living, communicating, and using and preserving the world's resources and ecosystems. Partnership between public actors, business and academia creates new, innovative solutions that strengthen competitiveness, contribute to sustainable development and create more jobs.

Published 19 July 2016 · [Article](#) from [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#), [Ministry of Education and Research](#), [Ministry of Health and Social Affairs](#), [Ministry of Rural Affairs and Infrastructure](#), [Prime Minister's Office](#)

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